(ii) for acquisition of 50 new long range aircraft *viz.* 8xB777-200LR, 15xB777-300ER and 27xB787-8 at a total cost of Rs. 33,197 crores.

Liquidation of companies

804. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to quicken the process of liquidations of companies to protect the interests of stake holders;

(b) if so, the details of, the norms framed in this regard;

(c) the number of firms which are under liquidation; and

(d) the average time taken to complete the proceedings for such liquidation?

THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Part-VII of the Companies Act, 1956 deals with liquidation and winding up of companies. With a view to protect the interest of the stake holders, Government had already amended the Act by Companies (Second Amendment) Act, 2002 to provide for a time bound process for winding up fo companies. Once the relevant provisions of such Amendment Act are notified and National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) starts functioning, the advantage of quick winding up and early settlement of valid claims would be possible. However, at present, constitution of NCLT is under legal challenge and the matter is *sub-judice* in Supreme Court of India.

(c) and (d) 6027 Companies were under liquidation as on 31.03.2004. According to a recent study, it take an average of 10 years to complete the insolvency process in India.

Development of support systems for Air safety

805. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the movement of both the domestic and international aircrafts has tremendously increased during the last two years

whereas development of support systems crucial for air safety has received little attention from Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for not attending to support systems; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. Even though the air traffic has increased, at no stage safety of aircraft operations is compromised. Only those many movements of aircraft are permitted at an airport which the systems can handle with safety. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has augmented all its support systems crucial for safety of aircraft operations from time to time.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Parking Space at Airports

806. SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that airports in metro cities are jostling for the space of aircraft parking;

(b) the number of aircrafts which could be parked at the airports of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore and Hyderabad; and

(c) the number of applications which are pending with the Airports Authority of India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) There is a shortage of parking space in some airprots of the country.

(b) The number of aircrafts which could be parked is as follows: 88 (including 18 for small aircraft) at Delhi, 72 at Mumbai, 30 at Kolkata, 35 at Chennai, 9 at Hyderabad and 8 at Bangalore. In addition, paved areas for parking of some small aircraft are available at Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkata airports.

(c) Applications received for allotment of overnight parking stands at Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai airports have been processed and